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SUBJ: RHODESIA: MEETING WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT

REF: LUSAKA 1224, DAR 1533, DAR 1535, DAR 1529, STATE 90991

1. HAVE SPOKEN TO FONMIN MWALE ABOUT POSSIBLE MEETING IN LUSAKA. HIS IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS ONE OF INCREDULITY--ALL HAD AGREED IN LAGOS THAT FIRST MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN DAR AND THAT SECOND MEETING SHOULD BE ON RHODESIA/ZAMBIA BORDER. HE EXPRESSED IN STRONGEST TERMS HIS PREFERENCE THAT THE FIRST MEETING TAKE PLACE AS DISCUSSED IN LAGOS. ZAMBIA WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST A SECOND MEETING. MWALE PUSHED TO ONE SIDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT NKOMO MIGHT HAVE VALID REASONS FOR WANTING A MEETING IN LUSAKA. "ZAMBIA," HE SAID, "HAS TO CONSIDER ITS RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER FRONTLINE STATES IN ADDITION TO ITS RELATIONS WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT."
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HE ALSO ADDED THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS SHOULD BE WILLING TO SHOW SOME FLEXIBILITY GIVEN ALL THAT THE FRONTLINE WAS DOING FOR THEM.

2. MWALE CONCLUDED THAT, IF A DECISION WERE MADE AT LEVEL HIGHER THAN HIS THAT AN APRIL 14 MEETING IN LUSAKA WOULD BE DESIRABLE, HE WAS SURE THAT THE GRZ WOULD BE WILLING TO PLAY

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HOST.

3. COMMENT: MWALE, WHO ARRIVED BACK IN LUSAKA ONLY THIS MORNING, MAY BE OUT OF TOUCH WITH MOST RECENT STATE HOUSE THINKING. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT HE HAS DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF LUSAKA AS SITE FOR FIRST MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA OR MARK CHONA.
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